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Classified By: Political Minister-Counselor  
Aubrey Carlson, reasons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C) PolOff conveyed diplomatic note and human rights pledge (ref A) on the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) to MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department Human Rights Division Deputy Director Xu Jing on April 20. Xu referenced her MFA colleague's April 8 response to the U.S. announcement (ref B) and reiterated the proposal that China and the United States "mutually support" one another in accordance with the P5 "gentlemen's agreement" since both countries were vying for respective seats on the HRC. Xu continued that China looked forward to further cooperation with the United States on human rights issues.  
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